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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 30, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 30, 2006, the period for response having been extended by the enclosed request for a two-month Extension of Time to expire on January 30, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of each of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.